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the United Nations on their fighting fronts today and tomorrow.

For an appreciation of the enormity of the food problem, we must first see in proper perspective the vastness of the war and its challenge to what we fondly call "the American way of life."

Louis P. Lochner, for 21 years an Associated Press correspondent at Berlin, provided such a perspective to an audience of 4,000 farmers at Michigan State College last week.

Lochner dissipated any complicity that the war will be over in 1943.

He pictured the job ahead as long and costly.

The Nazis, he said, are prepared for possible revolution at home—a breakdown of the morale on the home front which preceded the Armistice in November, 1918. Machine gun nests in Berlin and other cities guard intersections of prominent streets and public squares.

"In my opinion, we must inflict a crushing military defeat upon Germany itself," he said. "This cannot be accomplished easily."

Arrival of the Yanks in Africa is regarded by Lochner as a turning point of the war, as it brought needed relief to the Russians through diversion of German air planes to the Mediterranean.

But Rommel's flight into Tunisia, covering a distance as great as from New York City to Minnesota by way of Terre Haute, Indiana, is only a prelude to the task of invading the European continent and ultimately Germany itself, the speaker reminded.

"American correspondents in Berlin forewarned the world years ago of what the Nazis were schem-

ing," he said. "I wrote a dispatch in 1936, three years before the war, telling about underground hangars for airplanes. The Americans wouldn't believe the facts they read in their newspapers. We were criticized for spreading Nazi propaganda!"

Another sign: Paul V. McNutt has announced that effective April 1, the dependency draft deferment will be discontinued and that 10 out of every 14 men from the ages of 18 to 38 "will be in the armed services."

The pressure will be great upon men in non-essential industries.

President Roosevelt informed leading legislators at a White House conference that he held no hopes for a quick conclusion of the war.

Quentin Reynolds, ace war correspondent, shocked an audience at the Detroit Athletic club with this statement:

"It is awfully easy for Hitler to win this war. He can retire his armies from Russia and park them somewhere near the Polish border where we are informed has already built strong defensive lines. He could fight a defensive war, and it would be up to us to dislodge him—a military feat I believe almost impossible to accomplish. Hitler could thus achieve a stalemate, and a stalemate means he wins the war and dictates the peace."

The United States News, edited by David Lawrence, and Kilpatrick's confidential Washington letters stress the same theme: The odds are greatly against victory over Germany in 1943; the war in Europe will go well into 1944.

Another winter of war on the basis of victory in 1944 over Germany points conclusively to a long

long war before the job is finished in both Europe and the Orient.

Two or more years of bitter warfare—costly in lives, money and property—would impose a staggering burden of food upon the American farmers. Such is the prospect which confronts the growers of Michigan in 1943.

Mother Hubbard's cupboard will not have an abundance of food. Point rationing begins in a few weeks—March 1.

According to the White House, the supplies of goods and services available to civilians in 1943 will be reduced by almost 25 per cent. Standards of living are going down, while prices may be expected to rise.

The shortage of labor on the farm will become critical. Employment of women, boys and girls and possibly foreign labor—Japanese-Americans, Mexicans or Porto Ricans—will be resorted to harvest the 1943 crops.

Michigan selective service boards have not been lenient with farm deferments. Acreage is being abandoned because of this critical attitude by draft boards. The Michigan Milk Producers association has warned of a shortage of milk butter and cheese due to reduction of dairy herds, and the federal government has been reported to be ready to purchase with government funds all dairy cattle coming on the market.

Victory gardens will supply city residents with food they may not be able to obtain otherwise. Home canning will grow to an unprecedented volume, according to predictions. Truck gardens will pay handsome dividends, for prices will be the highest in many years.

These facts and observations echo a statement made recently by Claude Wickard, secretary of agriculture. Wickard said the nation was "too complacent" about

the food situation, and that it was high time we realized how serious it was.

Michigan farmers have been given a supreme challenge in the prospect of increased food production in 1943. This challenge grows in magnitude as we get a realistic appreciation of the long, long trail that is ahead for all of us.

## Victory

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The handicapped persons can be used to a far greater extent than has been previously accepted. It is shown by the amount and quality of work achieved by blind people, deaf and dumb persons and others. It was recently reported that in a certain middle west plant the majority of workers were deaf and dumb, and the plant had an enviable production record.

War workers are entering wartime industries in great numbers. Besides being trained to train these 16- and 17-year-olds in skills that may be of future use to them, the Government has issued advisory standards to protect them from injury on the job. The standards differ in skill and unskilled tasks in shipbuilding, lead-using, and the chemical and other war industries have been studied by safety engineers for the Children's Bureau of the Department of Labor, in cooperation with the plant managers who handle young workers.

The drive to add some 2 million women war workers to approximately 4 million women now in war plants involves a vast training program and the willingness of a multitude of women, young and old, to enter an environment wholly strange to them. Many of them will take the places of male bus drivers and streetcar operators—as they have begun to do already—and thousands of others will join their sisters on the war assembly lines, handling high-speed machines and precision instruments, loading ammunition, using new tanks to proving grounds. While women have been entering ground transportation industries in increasing numbers, they will also comprise almost half of the airlines personnel this year.

Learning New Skills

Everywhere throughout the country hundreds of thousands of workers are being trained to the exacting requirements of war jobs. They are learning new skills, or they are becoming all-around skilled mechanics by handling a variety of machines and operations. Last December, some 30,000 firms had short-term "advancing-worker" and apprenticeship programs in operation, promoted through the help of the Apprentice and Training Service of the War Manpower Commission. The "advancing-worker" program is designed to train or retrain workers already at work in war production plants to the end that they will reach higher levels of skill in their trades.

A smaller but extremely valuable source of skilled workers

may be tapped by inducing experienced men, who have given up their former trades or have retired because of age or financial independence, to reenter war industry chiefly for the purpose of training younger workers. A great many of the older generation are now contributing their special knowledge and experience to winning the war, but more of them are needed.

## WEST POINT PARK

Mrs. William Zwahlen

Nancy, four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Varhot, of Shady-side Avenue, is recovering from a tonsil operation performed Saturday.

Wayne Ault, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Ault, enlisted in the Coast Guards last week.

Mrs. Marvin Addis was the guest Friday evening of her sister, Mrs. Guard Parks of Detroit, who is laid up with a sprained ankle, caused when she slipped on some ice.

Mrs. Edwin L. Johnson and children, Eddie Junior, and Marion, were guests Wednesday afternoon of Mrs. Leo Woods, near the Royal Gorge.

Little Donald Kaurnaan of Mayfield Avenue was on the sick list over the weekend.

Mrs. Russell Ault, who was ill with flu most of the week is considerably better.

The P.T.A. are sponsoring a card party on Friday, February 13 at the P.T.A. Hall. Progressive piano, pinocle and bridge will be played. Prizes will be given and refreshments served.

Captain and Mrs. O. L. Duncanson of Detroit were dinner guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Zwahlen.

Jack Sherman, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Sherman, Mayfield Avenue, was inducted into the Army last Saturday and is now at Camp Custer.

Just a reminder for the Benefit Dance given by the P.T.A. this week Friday, February 12, at Winter Hall, corner of Seventh and Farmington Roads. "The Ken of Detroit Orchestra" will provide good music for modern and old time dancing. Refreshments of soft drinks and sandwiches.

Miss Shirley J. Zwahlen was the Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rigney, of Farmington.

Mrs. Clinton Ault has been suffering an attack of flu.

The Sunshine Sisters held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Jessie Eddington Wednesday afternoon. Twelve ladies enjoyed a pot luck lunch together, preceding the devotional service. The next meeting of this group will be held at the home of Mrs. Charles Haas, Wednesday afternoon, February 17.

Mrs. George Welch, after an attack of near pneumonia, is somewhat improved.

The Neighborhood Bible School voted its superintendent, Miss Lora Ault, a "happy birthday" Sunday. She was pleased to receive many cards and remembrances.

Erna Ruth Klebaum is home from school with the mumps.

Yield by Weight

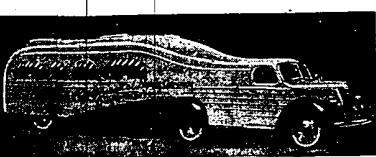
As an average, scrap rubber yields about 85 per cent reclaimed rubber by weight. This in turn yields about 60 per cent of new rubber by weight. Thus, for every 100,000 tons of scrap rubber processed, about 51,000 tons or 51 per cent of new rubber can be released for other purposes.

## WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY AT CIVIC THEATRE



Jack Wyatt and James Ellison in a tense scene from "Army Surgeon," the gallant story of men of medicine behind the fighting lines.

## "TRAILER VAGABOND"



By WARREN BAYLEY

CANON CITY, COLO.  
THE ROYAL GORGE

If your home town had a choice of State university or State penitentiary, which would you prefer?

As ridiculously simple as the answer to that question seems to be, at least one town in the U.S. proved the exception and took the penitentiary. Given its choice of the two institutions in 1893, Canon City chose the penitentiary because it seemed likely to be better attended. As second choice the university went to Boulder. Both cities seem satisfied with the deal.

The story behind this unusual choice is a tale of Colorado in her youth; a story of gold and gun-fights and the greatest railroad right-of-way war in all history.

The site of Canon City is the original camping site of Zebulon Pike who discovered the famous Colorado peak that bears his name today. He was exploring the headwaters of the Arkansas River. To the west of his camp yawned the great chasm we know today as the Royal Gorge.

Pike explored the chasm before he was captured by the Spaniards. Years later his camp site became a small community of gold-seekers and railroad workers on the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad which was pushing its way westward to enter the "Gorge," the only accessible route west for hundreds of miles to the north or south.

At that time the Santa Fe was laying its rails westward in an effort to reach the Gorge first. The floor of the great chasm was narrow and had room for only

one-set of tracks. Its right-of-way was a prize of rare proportions. The race was won by the D. & R. G. by some 30 minutes and then began an era unique even in the early days of railroad wars. Rails laid by one company by day were torn up by the other company by night. Flat fights, gun fights and bashed heads were the order of the day for several years until the courts decided the case in favor of the Denver & Rio Grande.

To lay rails through the chasm was the great engineering feat of that day. Most of the available space was taken up by the Arkansas River, which in spring time was a raging torrent, tumbling its way to the plains below. Workers had to be suspended by ropes from the top of the canyon walls to drill holes in the solid rock. In one place the chasm was so narrow it was necessary to hang a bridge to the two rock walls. This "hanging bridge" is still one of the great sights and transcontinental trains stop that passengers may see and marvel at the sight.

Of recent years a group of Canon City business men have spent some \$120,000 to build a suspension bridge over the "Gorge," and an incline railway from the top to the bottom. The bridge is the highest bridge in the world, almost a quarter of a mile from its roadway to the bottom of the chasm below. To stand on this bridge at night and watch a train pass below is a sight you will never forget. The train will look tiny down below and you will feel tiny up above. In fact everything about the "Gorge" will make you feel tiny. This made my fourth trip—I want to go again.

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Grow Winter Flowers  
Hyacinths, narcissi, tulips and similar bulbs can be potted now for forcing for winter blooming. A sandy loam soil is used. Put a half-inch of pebbles, small stones or gravel in each pot bottom for good drainage.

Keenness of Vision  
Every motorist should have his vision checked occasionally, and tuned up when necessary. Only 25 states test eyes of new applicants for driver licenses, and less than a handful of states require periodic check-ups. It is up to the motorist to keep his eyes tuned up for sharpest vision.

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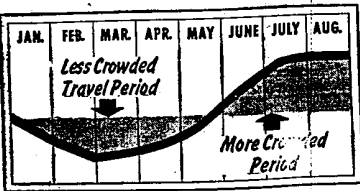
Uncle Sam is calling on every farmer in America to get in the fight with more war foods and fibres... the vital "ammunition" our boys need to win the war. Plant to win. Begin now to plan for your Spring planting.

**FARMINGTON MILLS**

You can aid wartime bus service by planning essential trips for February or March—instead of Mid-Summer

Never in history has it been so important to choose with care the time and occasion for travel. Through the years bus travel has always been very heavy in some months, less heavy in others—and this has held true even in wartime when the demands on transportation

are naturally increased. That's why Greyhound has long urged everyone to travel during less crowded periods — and February and March are just such times. Essential trips taken when possible, in mid-winter will greatly relieve overcrowding in the mid-summer months ahead.



You can aid wartime transportation still further by choosing the right day—in mid-week—the right schedule—the least crowded one. It's wise to take along as little baggage as possible—and to get information on any trip well in advance.

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